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The Honorable William J. Casey
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Director Casey:

I have been seriously concerned by recent press accounts in the New York Times and the Wall Street Journal concerning an increase in the level of Cuban and Soviet presence and influence in the Republic of Suriname, and also by similar reports I have received concerning the Republic of Guyana.

Suriname and Guyana occupy a position of considerable strategic, economic, and political importance to the United States, Northern South America, and the Caribbean basin. Any increase of a hostile presence or influence in these countries is of special concern to me as a member of the Subcommittee on Security and Terrorism of the Committee on the Judiciary and as a member of the Senate Committee on Armed Services.

I therefore respectfully request from your Agency written reports, both classified and unclassified, on the present situation in Suriname and Guyana, and especially on the extent, nature, and significance of Cuban and/or Soviet presence or influence in these countries. The reports could be transmitted to my Legislative Assistant for National Security, Dr. Samuel T. Francis, whose Top Secret security clearance may be verified through the Departments of Defense and Justice.

With very best regards, I am

Sincerely,

John P. East
United States Senator

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